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FOLLOWING FORWARDED FOR EMBASSY INFORMATION AND SUCH FURTHER DISTRIBUTION AS EMBASSY DESIRES:

1. RICE PRICES IN SURABAYA CONSULAR DISTRICT IN RECENT PERIOD HAVE REFLECTED NATIONAL TREND DESCRIBED IN REF A, WITH PEAKS IN LAST WEEK OF JUNE NEAR OR AT HIGHS OF LATE 1972 SHORTAGE PERIOD. UNCLASSIFIED

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CONSULATE SURABAYA SAMPLE STOOD AT 95, 90 AND 82.5 ON JUNE 29,

JUST SHORT OF NOVEMBER-DECEMBER PEAK, AND PRESS REPORTS SHOWED TOP VARIETIES (ROJOLELE) IN SEMARANG AT RP125 PER KILO EARLIER IN THAT WEEK. FOR SURABAYA SAMPLE, THIS REPRESENTED FURTHER INCREASE OF ALMOST 20 PERCENT IN PRICE OVER THAT REPORTED IN REF B AND OVER 40 PERCENT INCREASE IN SINGLE MONTH SINCE MAY 28.

- 2. OVER PAST WEEK, HOWEVER, AND PARTICULARLY SINCE PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENT JULY 3 OF END TO BAN ON INTER-PROVINCE MOVEMENT OF RICE AND END TO TARGET/QUOTA PROCUREMENT SYSTEM, PRICES HAVE BEGUN TO FALL SLIGHTLY FROM LEVELS REPORTED ABOVE. SURABAYA SAMPLE DOWN TO 90, 85, AND 80 BY JULY 6, AND LATEST PRESS REPORTS FROM SEMARANG SHOW PRICES THERE IN LAST DAYS OF JUNE ALSO DOWN, 59 115 FOR TOP VARIETY CITED ABOVE, AS NEW SUPPLIES MOVED IN FROM RURAL AREAS.
- 3. COMMENT: IMPOSSIBLE AT MOMENT TO TELL HOW FAR CURRENT DECLINES WILL GO, PARTICULARLY SINCE IN SOME AREAS SUCH AS NUMBER LOCAL AUTHORITIES REPORTEDLY STILL BARRING RICE MOVEMENT, BUT OFFICIAL ENDING OF HIGH-PRESSURE PROGRAM WHOULD PROVIDE AT LEAST SOME RELIEF FROM RECENT HIGHS WHICH MOST OF LOCAL POPULACE WOULD NEVER HAVE BELIEVED POSSIBLE DURING HARVEST SEASON.

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